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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 MARCH 2, 2010

Dear Supervisors:

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ALAMITOS BARRIER PROJECT CONDITION ASSESSMENT
CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
CITY OF LONG BEACH
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award and authorize entering into a contract with CH2M Hill to perform a condition assessment for the Alamitos Barrier Project in the community of Long Beach.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Award and delegate authority to the Chief Engineer or her designee, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to contract with CH2M Hill to perform a condition assessment for the Alamitos Barrier Project in the community of Long Beach for a not-to-exceed fee of \$685,000. Funds for this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Flood Control District Budget. Under a previously executed agreement, the Orange County Water District and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California will each reimburse the Department of Public Works for approximately one-third of the cost to perform the study, up to \$200,000 each.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to conduct a condition assessment for the Alamitos

Barrier Project (ABP) infrastructure. The ABP consists of a water supply distribution system, valves and appurtenances, 43 injection wells that pump water into the underground aquifer to prevent seawater from contaminating a source for potable water supply, and a network of 226 observation wells for monitoring groundwater quality and levels. The ABP has been in operation since 1966. Recent system failures, which resulted in portions of the barrier being inoperable for periods of time, have clearly indicated a need to assess the overall condition of the barrier. The condition assessment will evaluate the current state of the ABP infrastructure and recommend repairs, improvements, and measures to prevent future shutdowns in an effort to protect the underground water supply from seawater intrusion. The Department of Public Works (Public Works) will come back to your Board to request approval to implement any projects that may arise as a result of this assessment.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by maximizing the effectiveness of the County of Los Angeles' (County) infrastructure and ensuring that County residents receive quality infrastructure services. Public Works will receive reimbursement funding for approximately two-thirds of the cost to perform the assessment, up to \$400,000.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This contract is for a not-to-exceed fee of \$685,000, which includes \$63,436 for contingencies that may arise during the progress of the work. Funding for this contract is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Flood Control District Budget. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Chief Engineer or her designee.

On August 11, 2009, your Board authorized the Chief Engineer or her designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to perform a condition assessment of the ABP. Under this cooperative agreement, OCWD and WRD will each reimburse Public Works for approximately one-third of the cost to perform the assessment, up to \$200,000 each.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with the terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Programs, Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment,

Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

A standard agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 11, 2009, your Board found that this project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines. This exemption provides for feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which have not been approved, adopted, or funded.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On August 12, 2009, Public Works, acting on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to 45 firms to evaluate the condition of ABP wells and water supply facilities. CH2M Hill was the sole respondent to the RFP. An evaluation committee, comprised of staff from Public Works, OCWD, and WRD, evaluated the proposal and determined that CH2M Hill is qualified to provide the required services. The evaluation was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. The evaluation was completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity was listed on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. CH2M Hill is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and its proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The condition assessment will evaluate the ABP infrastructure and recommend repairs and improvements to improve Public Works' infrastructure and protect our groundwater supply from seawater intrusion.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Department of Public Social Services
(GAIN/GROW Program)